

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Named Recipients (AS 37.05.316)****Grant Recipient: Anchorage Urban League****Project Title:**

Anchorage Urban League - Anchorage Urban League Young Professional's OurTime Project

State Funding Requested: \$ 50,000**House District: Anchorage Areawide (17-32)**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

This project is established to provide training opportunities, necessary equipment, and project funding for young professionals in the Anchorage Area.

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$200,000**Funding Secured

Amount FY

Other Pending Requests

Amount FY

Anticipated Future Need

Amount FY

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

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Project Timeline:

This project would cover the FY 09 Fiscal year only.

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

Roz Y. Woodhouse

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

Contact Name: Roz Y. Woodhouse

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Email:

Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☐ Yes ☒ No



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March 3, 2008

Senator Bettye Davis
State Capitol, Room 30
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Re: 2008 Legislative Capital Grant Request

Dear Senator Bettye Davis:

FY 2009 State Capital Request Fund:

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The need for capital funding to provide the necessary training opportunities and facilities was revealed during the formation of the local chapter of the Anchorage Urban League and its auxiliary, the Young Professionals. The first was a community needs assessment that was designed and implemented by the founding board and organizing members of the AULYP. The needs survey captured the perspective of a culturally and ethnically diverse cadre of Young Professionals ages 21-40 representing the different sectors of the community. It became clear that to address the greatest needs identified by the survey were more professional development training opportunities and networking opportunities. The survey results drove the agenda of the AULYP's strategic planning sessions facilitated by the Foraker Group.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Andrews
Board Chair